

## **Stroke Comments**

General Comments from all hospitals

Berkshire Medical Center  
Cambridge Health Alliance – Whidden Memorial Hospital  
Caritas Holy Family Hospital  
Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center  
Lahey Clinic  
Massachusetts General Hospital  
Nantucket Cottage Hospital  
North Shore Medical Center – Salem Hospital and Union Hospital

### **Berkshire Medical Center**

Berkshire Medical Center's Stroke Program recently became the first and only hospital in the nation to receive the American Stroke Association "Get with the Guidelines" Annual Performance Achievement Award.

### **Cambridge Health Alliance – Whidden Memorial Hospital**

Review of the Acute Stroke Mortality Rate at the Whidden Memorial Hospital reveals that the average population presenting with the diagnosis of Acute Stroke has been 83 years of age and placed on DNR status by family members requesting comfort care only for their loved ones.

### **Caritas Holy Family Hospital**

26/178 cases

### **Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center**

16/151 cases

### **Lahey Clinic**

Lahey Clinic is recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health as a regional center of excellence in caring for stroke patients.

### **Massachusetts General Hospital**

We receive these patients by both ground and air ambulance for intravenous, surgical and catheter-based interventions for ischemic and hemorrhagic stroke. In light of the complexity of our stroke patients and high technology services that we provide for many of our patients, higher costs are not surprising. In addition, we have championed the American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines - Stroke national initiative to improve hospital-based ischemic stroke care quality, and were recognized in 2004 with the first ever Performance Achievement Award for high compliance rates in 7 key areas.

### **Nantucket Cottage Hospital**

Participating in the Tele-Stroke program through Massachusetts General Hospital (through the ED at NCH).

### **North Shore Medical Center – Salem Hospital and Union Hospital**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has designated NSMC Salem Hospital and NSMC Union Hospital as two of the Commonwealth's primary stroke centers. NSMC is pleased to be able to provide high quality stroke care in a community setting.